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**NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY**

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the National Ignition Facility Project  
Specific Analysis Portion of the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Programmatic  
Environmental Impact Statement

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice of Availability and opportunity for public comment.

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SUMMARY: The Department of Energy (DOE) announces the availability of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS) for the National Ignition Facility(NIF) Project Specific Analysis portion (Volume III, Appendix I) of the Stockpile Stewardship and Management Programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (SSM PEIS) DOE/EIS-0236-S1 for public review and comment.

DATES: Written comments on the Draft NIF SEIS are invited from the public during the comment period which ends December 20, 1999. Comments must be postmarked by December 20, 1999, to ensure consideration; late comments will be considered to the extent practicable. The DOE will use the comments received to help prepare the Final SEIS.

ADDRESSES: To submit comments in writing to DOE and for additional information contact: Richard Scott, Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, L-293, P.O. Box 808, Livermore, CA 94550. Mr. Scott may also be contacted by telephone (925) 423-3022, facsimile (925) 424-3755, or toll-free: (877) 388-4930. Comments may also be sent to the e-mail address richard.scott@oak.doe.gov.

Requests for copies of the Draft NIF SEIS should be addressed to the DOE Oakland Operations Office, Energy Information Center, 1st floor in the North Tower of the Federal Building at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, CA, (510) 637-1762. The Draft NIF SEIS is available under the NEPA Analysis Module of the DOE NEPA Web Site at <http://tis.eh.doe.gov/nepa/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information on the DOE NEPA process, please contact: Ms. Carol M. Borgstrom, Director, Office of NEPA Policy and Assistance,

EH-42, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Ave., SW, Washington, DC 20585. Ms. Borgstrom may be contacted by calling (202) 586-4600 or by leaving a message at (800) 472-2756.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Draft NIF SEIS was prepared pursuant to a Joint Stipulation and Order approved and entered as an order of the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia on October 27, 1997, in partial settlement of the lawsuit, Natural Resources Defense Council [NRDC] v. Richardson, Civ. No. 97-936 (SS) (D.D.C.). In that Joint Stipulation and Order, DOE agreed to prepare an SEIS evaluating the reasonably foreseeable significant adverse environmental impacts of continuing to construct and of operating NIF at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory (LLNL) with respect to any potential or confirmed contamination in the area by hazardous, toxic, and/or radioactive materials.

#### Availability of Draft SEIS

DOE has distributed copies of the Draft NIF SEIS to appropriate Congressional members and committees, the State of California, local governments, other federal agencies, and other interested parties. The Draft NIF SEIS is also available for public review and copying at the following locations: DOE Oakland Operations Office, Energy Information Center, 1st floor in the North Tower of the Federal Building at 1301 Clay Street in Oakland, CA, (510) 637-1762; Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory, East Gate Visitors Center on Greenville Road in Livermore CA, (925) 424-4026; and DOE's Freedom of Information Reading Room, Rm. 1E-190, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC, (202) 586-3142.

DOE will hold several public meetings to discuss the Draft NIF SEIS, as well as for submitting prepared statements on the Draft NIF SEIS: Wednesday, December 1, 1999, at 2:00 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 6E-069, Washington, DC; and Wednesday, December 8, 1999, at 3:00 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. at LLNL, 7000 East Avenue, Building 312, South Cafeteria Multi-Purpose Room, (located off East Avenue at the intersection of South Gate Drive), Livermore CA. After the public comment period, which ends December 20, 1999, the Department will consider and respond to the comments received, revise the Draft NIF SEIS as appropriate, and issue a Final NIF SEIS. The Department will consider the analyses in the Final NIF SEIS in making a final Record of Decision.

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